

Appl. No.: 10/695,958
In re Allmandinger, T. et al.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A drive axle assembly for a motor vehicle, said axle assembly comprising:

a support beam member;

a differential assembly module secured to said support beam member;

a pair of axle shaft members outwardly extending from said differential assembly member;

and

a cover member fastened to said support beam member to cover at least a portion said differential assembly module, said cover member having at least one access opening ~~two coaxially spaced access openings~~ therein each for receiving one of said axle shaft members therethrough;

said at least one access opening in said cover member provided with an adjustable sealing flange device ~~provided~~ to seal an interior cavity within said cover member between ~~one of said at least one access opening openings and corresponding one of said axle shaft members~~ extending therethrough;

~~wherein~~ said adjustable sealing flange device being ~~positionally~~ adjustable relative to said